

**Community Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**Minutes
August 21, 2009**

The Community Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the State Court Administrator's Office in Indianapolis on August 21, 2009.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the Community Relations Committee were present: Gail Bardach, Kathleen Lang, David Najjar, and Robert Altice, chair.
2. **Staff assistance.** Jenny Bauer, Kathryn Dolan and Elizabeth Osborn provided staff assistance to the Committee.
3. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the April 2009 meeting were approved.
4. **IJA Awards.** Judge Altice reported that the committee received 3 media nominations and one judicial nomination for the IJA community relations awards. The journalists nominated were: Ken Kosky from The Times of Northwest Indiana; Tim Young from The Newburgh Register and Jerry Davich from The Times of Northwest Indiana. The judicial nomination was for the Supreme Court's Courts in the Classroom "Why Lincoln Was a Lawyer" project. The committee discussed the nominees and chose Kosky and Young as the media recipients.
5. **Speaker's Bureau Project.** Jenny Bauer reported that 111 judicial officers have volunteered for the Speakers Bureau. Elizabeth said she and Sarah Hachey will be attending several teacher conferences in the fall and that it would be helpful to have a flyer about the speakers bureau. Jenny Bauer and Kathryn Dolan will help Dr. Osborn create the flyers.
6. **Law School for Journalists.** Kathryn Dolan reported that a regional Law School for Journalists will be held in LaPorte on August 24th. The session will cover general topics of interest to reporters and focus on criminal, civil and juvenile proceedings. The session speakers will be Kathryn Dolan, Judge Gail Bardach, Judge Kathleen Lang and a local attorney. Ms. Dolan reported that 22 journalists have signed up for the event. She also said that there is interest in doing a similar training event in Indianapolis. Ms. Dolan also reported to the committee that she will unveil the Supreme Court's new media web page at the event in LaPorte.
7. **Media Advisory Committee.** Jenny Bauer reported that it is time to schedule a meeting of the Media Advisory Committee. Judge Bardach suggested meeting with the media representatives on December 11th in conjunction with the Winter Conference for Judicial Officers.

8. **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Community Relations Committee will be December 11th at Marriott North in Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

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